

## Health Districts

Panhandle District Health  
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Lewiston, ID 83501  
208-799-0353

Southwest District Health  
920 Main Street  
Caldwell, ID 83605-3700  
208-455-5400

Central District Health  
707 N. Armstrong Place  
Boise, ID 83704-0825  
208-327-7499

South Central District Health  
1020 Washington St., North  
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3156  
208-734-5900

Southeastern District Health  
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Pocatello, ID 83201  
208-233-9080

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Idaho Falls, ID 83402-3597  
208-522-0310

[www2.state.id.us/phd/offices.html](http://www2.state.id.us/phd/offices.html)

## DEQ Offices

Coeur d'Alene Regional Office  
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Lewiston Regional Office  
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Lewiston, ID 83501  
208-799-4370

Boise Regional Office  
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Boise, ID 83706-2239  
208-373-0550

Twin Falls Regional Office  
601 Poleline Road, Suite 2  
Twin Falls, ID 83301  
208-736-2190

Pocatello Regional Office  
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Pocatello, ID 83204  
208-236-6160

Idaho Falls Regional Office  
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Idaho Falls, ID 83402  
208-528-2650

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Boise, ID 83706  
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## Assisting the Public in Understanding Joint Responsibility Between The Public Health Districts & The Department of Environmental Quality



***Your local Public Health District and the  
Department of Environmental Quality  
working together.***

This brochure outlines responsibilities for environmental programs identified in the Memorandum of Understanding signed, February 1, 2000 by the seven Public Health Districts (PHD) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). For further information, please contact your local Health District or DEQ Regional Office listed in this brochure.

[www.deq.state.id.us/waste/mou\\_deqdhd.pdf](http://www.deq.state.id.us/waste/mou_deqdhd.pdf)

# Septic Systems

## Health District Role:

- Issue permits for all septic systems or subsurface sewage disposal systems.
- Conduct the site evaluations for all septic systems, including evaluation for adequate number of test holes.
- May require ground water monitoring at sites with high water tables.
- Review plans and specifications for proposed wastewater systems of less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons per day.
- Inspect systems during construction.
- Perform water tightness test inspections for septic tanks.
- Issue Installer Registration Permits and require bonding of Installers.

## DEQ Role:

- Provide engineering reviews for experimental systems, community septic systems and large (over 2,500 gallons) soil absorption systems.
- Conduct plan and specification reviews for all septic tank designs.
- Maintain technical guidance manual and administer technical guidance committee for individual and subsurface discharge systems.

# Public Water Systems

## Health District Role:

- Provide inspection and technical assistance services to small public water systems (10 to 25 connections) and commercial systems on individual wells. This includes public schools, mobile home parks, small subdivisions, motels, restaurants, and businesses.

## DEQ Role:

- Regulates public water systems larger than 25 connections and all surface water systems.
- Provides inspections and technical assistance to public water systems larger than 25 connections and to all surface water systems. Examples of public water systems include municipalities,

large subdivisions, rest stops, colleges, and forest service installations.

# Solid Waste

## (landfills, garbage, debris)

## Health District Role:

- Approve operation, closure and post closure plans for solid waste facilities
- Issue conditional use permits, including but not limited to: transfer stations, processing operations, waste tire piles, and compost facilities.
- Conduct inspections of solid waste facilities.

## DEQ Role:

- Review proposed solid waste management sites, conduct plan and specification review for solid waste facility designs.
- Review financial assurance plans for municipal solid waste landfills.
- Approve registration of Waste Tire Collection Sites.
- Review alternative operating plans (e.g. daily cover) and alternative closure and post-closure care plans (e.g. final cover) with recommendations forwarded to the Health Districts.

# Water Pollution/Water Quality

## Health District Role:

- Conduct surveys and provide technical support on private wells and septic systems at the request of the public and financial lending institutions.
- May require or conduct nutrient/pathogen studies to protect ground and surface water.
- Provide information on public water systems that will assist DEQ in performing source water assessments or communities or public water systems in developing wellhead protection plans.

## DEQ Role:

- Upon request from the public or financial lending institutions, report the status of public drinking

water systems and central sewage collection systems.

- Ensure district involvement when developing source water protection plans for public water systems.

# Pumpable Wastes

## Health District Role:

- Permit and inspect pumpers trucks.
- Evaluate sites and operations for one-time application of domestic septage, non-domestic septage.
- Approve operation plans and provide inspections for approved domestic septage, non-domestic septage, and application sites.

## DEQ Role:

- Approve sites used for community land application.
- Issue permits for municipal wastewater land application or central wastewater land application.
- Approve domestic and non-domestic sludge application sites

# Sanitary Restrictions for Subdivisions

## Health District Role:

- Sign off on subdivision plats to allow construction of water and wastewater systems.

## DEQ Role:

- Provide certificate of approval for public drinking water systems and municipal wastewater systems.

# Management of Complaints

The Health Districts and DEQ will work cooperatively in handling all complaints.